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FORGETTING AN IMPORTANT DATE?

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DON'T MISS ANOTHER BATTLE FOR ENERGON.

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CYBERTRON: A MECHANICAL WORLD WHERE THE HEROIC AUTOBOTS AND EVIL DECEPTICONS HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN A DEADLY CIVIL WAR FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS. WITH THE LEADERS OF BOTH SIDES MISSING AND ENERGY LEVELS LOW, THE CONFLICT HAS NOW BECOME CONFUSED AND DESPERATE. THIS IS THE ERA OF THE

MICROMASTERS



"THE GRAY RACE"

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GET YOUR
SKIDPLATES UNDER
COVER!



WHERE
THE REST AT,
BARRICADE?!

OUT
THERE!



WHAT ARE
THEY WAITING
FOR?

SHOOT,
ALREADY!



GUESS I'LL
HAVE TO DO THIS
MYSELF!



WHAT THE SLAG
HAPPENED, BIG DADDY?
HOW COME YOU DIDN'T
OPEN FIRE?

NO GUNS--HNN--
SPLIT AUTOBASE IN
A HURRY!

YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDIN' ME!



WE ARE SOME
DEAD GLAGGIN'
MICROS.

NONE OF
THAT SCRAP ON MY
TEAM, GROUND HOG!

PICK
YOUR TARGETS AND
MAN-UP YOUR DEFENSE
ON THESE UNARMED
'BOTS.



WHAT DO
WE DO NOW,
BOSS-BOT?

I'M NOBODY'S
BOSS-BOT, HUBS--

HEY,
SOMETHING'S--



--COMING!



SOMEBODY ELSE LOOKIN' TO GET THEIR GRILL BUSTED?

BRING IT.



YECH.



I ALWAYS LOVED PLAYIN' EXTERMINATOR.

GOOD THING I CAME TO CHECK UP ON YA. YOU KIDS'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT'S OUT HERE.

WHO'S UP FOR AN ESCORT OUTTA THE WASTELANDS COURTESY OF THE GROUNDHAKER EXPRESS?



CHECK UP ON US?

BUDDY OF MINE WANTED TO HAVE A WORD WITH YA. YOU IN, OR WHAT?

THERE'S EVEN ROOM FER YOUR LITTLE DECEPTICON... FRIENDS. PROVIDIN' THEY CAN STAY OUTTA TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY.

WATCH IT, TOUGH GUY, THEY SAVED--



THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT, BUT WE DON'T NEED THIS LOUDMOUTH'S CHARITY. WE'LL GET TO THE BURNS ON OUR OWN.

CATCH YOU MICROS LATER.



I GUESS WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE, PAL. LET'S GO.



NOW
WHAT?

AH, WE
SHOULD'A JUST
SLAGGED THAT
FOOL.

SHUT UP,
ROLLER FORCE, I
NEED TO THINK--

YES,
YOU DO.



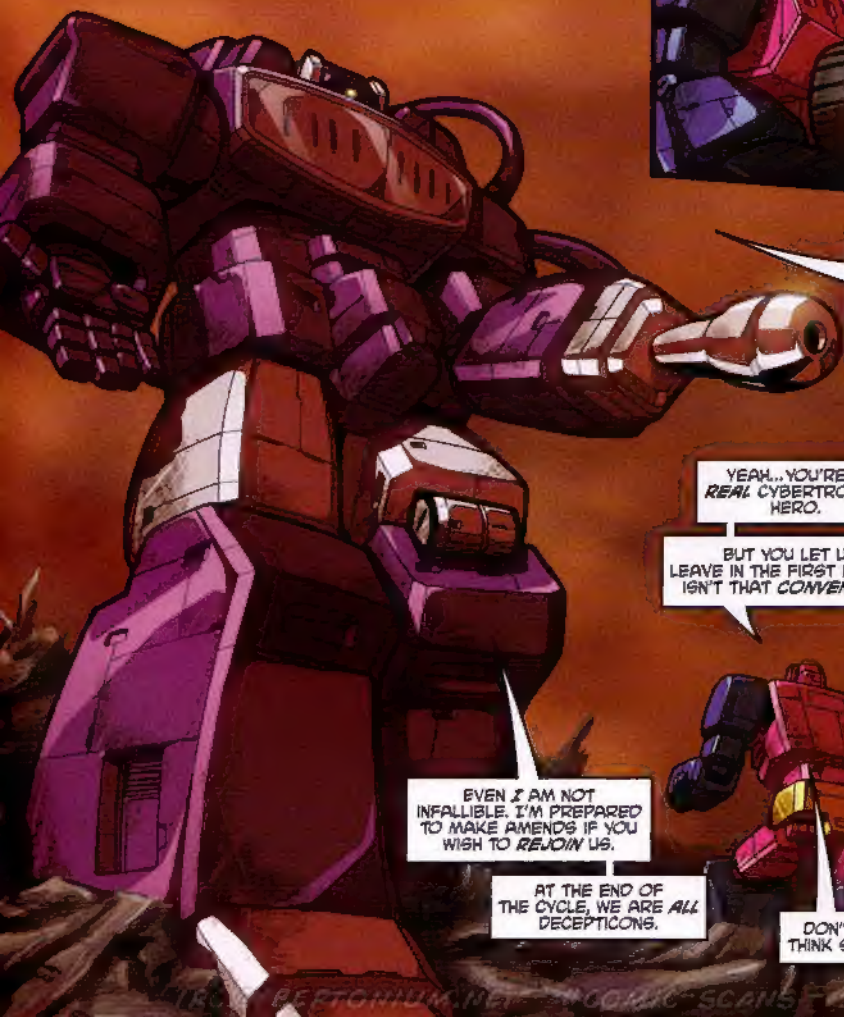
PERHAPS
WE ALL DO.



THANK
PRIMUS! IT'S
SHOCKWAVE!

YEAH, IT IS.
PERFECT TIME TO
HOP OFF THE BENCH--
RIGHT AFTER THE
FIGHT'S OVER.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING ALL
THE WAY OUT
HERE?



AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE,
I REALIZED YOU MIGHT BE
HEADING THIS WAY, SO I TOOK
IT UPON MYSELF TO MAKE SURE
YOU MADE IT UNHARMED--AS A
GESTURE OF GOOD FAITH.

YEAH...YOU'RE A
REAL CYBERTRONIAN
HERO.

BUT YOU LET US
LEAVE IN THE FIRST PLACE...
ISN'T THAT CONVENIENT?

EVEN I AM NOT
INFALLIBLE. I'M PREPARED
TO MAKE AMENDS IF YOU
WISH TO REJOIN US.

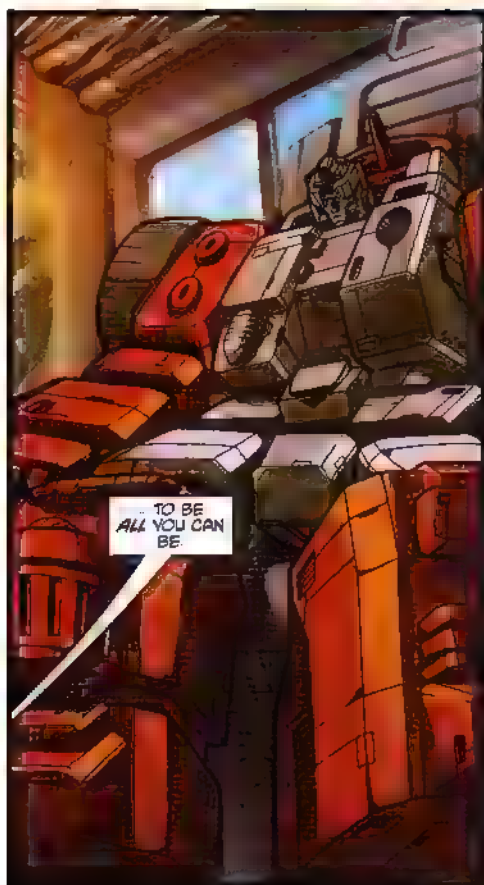
AT THE END OF
THE CYCLE, WE ARE ALL
DECEPTICONS.

DON'T
THINK SO.











I GUESS WE HAVE
YOU TO THANK, THEN, FOR
THE B.G. GUY COMING TO
OUR RESCUE

HOW DO
YOU KNOW WHO
WE ARE?

SOMEHOW, YOU
DON'T EXACTLY
SEEM SURPRISED
THAT WE'RE HERE



YES, YOU
COULD SAY
THAT.



I'VE JUST
RETURNED FROM
AN EXTENDED MISSION
TO LOCATE THE MISSING
AUTOBOT HEROES
ON THE ARK.



YOU SEE, WE'VE
BECOME TOO FOCUSED
ON CYBERTRON'S PROBLEMS,
BUT OUR DESTINY IS TO SET
THINGS RIGHT ACROSS
THE UNIVERSE

LIKE YOU, I BECAME
DISILLUSIONED BY THE AUTOBOT
CAUSE--UNTIL, I DISCOVERED SOMETHING
ON ANOTHER WORLD, SOMETHING THAT
REVEALED THE FUTURE TO ME, HELPING
ME SEE THAT I WAS RIGHT. WE ACTUALLY
DO HAVE A SACRED MISSION
TO PERFORM.



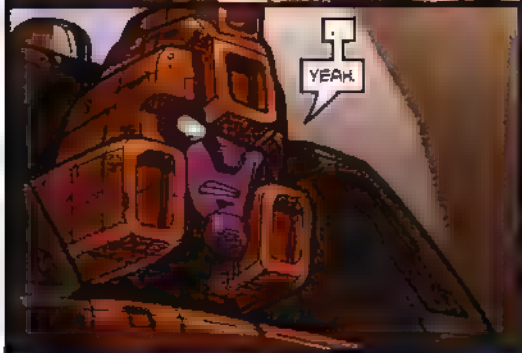
"REVEALED
THE FUTURE?"

"SACRED
MISSION?"



"OUR DESTINY
IS TO SET THINGS
RIGHT?"

ARE YOU GONNA
BUY SOMETHING,
BIG?



YEAH.



UH, LISTEN, COUNTDOWN.
NOT THAT WE DON'T APPRECIATE
GROUNDSHAKER'S ASSIST, BUT
WE JUST QUIT ONE JOB...WE'RE
NOT LOOKING TO GET HIRED
JUST YET.

...OF COURSE, I
UNDERSTAND PLEASE
THINK ABOUT IT.

IN THE MEANTIME,
LITTLE IACON IS WITHIN
A FEW KLIKS OF HERE
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE
TO GO THE REST OF
THE WAY SAFELY.

WHAT THE
PIT WAS THAT ALL
ABOUT? WEIRD!

YEAH, NO
DOUBT. I'M JUST
NOT FEELING THIS
WHOLE "MISSION
FROM PRIMUS" TIP
THAT GUY WAS ON.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU
MEAN.

...BUT HE SEEMED
PRETTY INTO IT, LIKE
HE'D REALLY FIGURED
SOMETHING OUT.

YOU BELIEVE THAT
MUMBO-JUMBO? ABOUT
PREDICTING THE FUTURE
AND TELLING US WHAT
WE HAVE TO DO?

COOL YOUR ENGINE--
I'M JUST TRYING TO WRAP
MY PROCESSOR AROUND
WHAT HE SAID, IS ALL.

NOW, LET'S
SEE IF WE CAN
FIND OUT WAY BACK
TO THE SPOT.

ALL RIGHT,
SWITCH TO ULTRAVIOLET
AND MAKE SURE WE'RE
IN THE RIGHT PLACE

YEP,
HERE WE
GO.

LET'S
SEE IT,
MICROS.



THANKS FOR NOTHING!

SO, I HEAR BLAZE MASTER'S ANOTHER 'CON THAT'S READY TO--

COOL IT HERE HE COMES

HA!

NNGG...

NO, THANKS... LAST TIME MY ENGINE KNOCKED FOR THREE CYCLES!

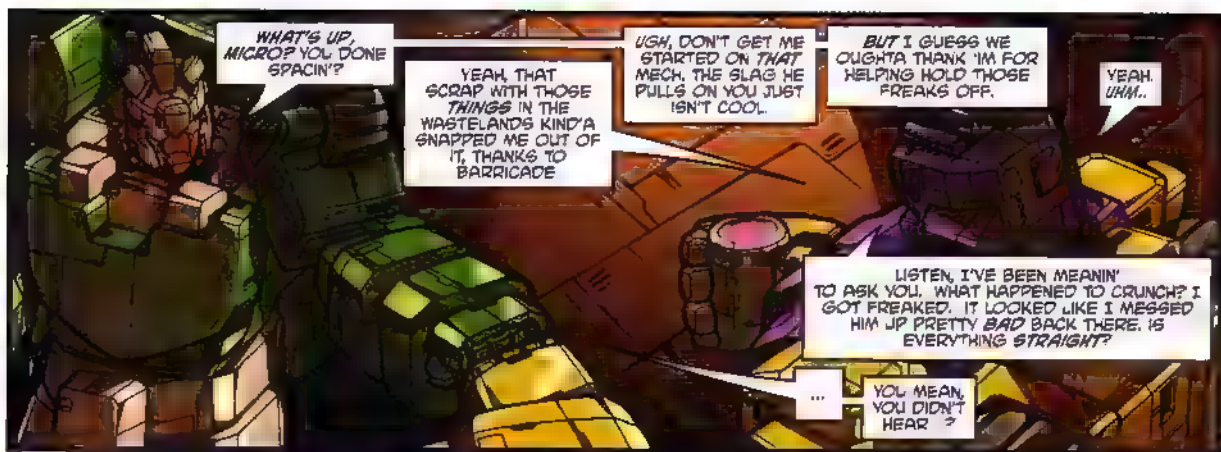
C'MON, WE'RE TALKING **HIGH-GRADE** ENERGON HERE--MY OWN MIX. THIS JUNK'LL **REALLY** REV YOU UP!

YOU PUNKS GONNA START TRYING OR YOU WANNA CALL IT QUITS NOW? MY SERVOS AREN'T EVEN STRAININ' HERE!

AGH.

HOLD STILL AND DON'T BE SUCH A *PROTO*, MUDGLINGER!

EHHF...NOT... GVIN'. JP...YET.



WHAT'S UP,
MICRO? YOU DONE
SPACIN'?

YEAH, THAT
SCRAP WITH THOSE
THINGS IN THE
WASTELANDS KINDA
SNAPPED ME OUT OF
IT, THANKS TO
BARRICADE

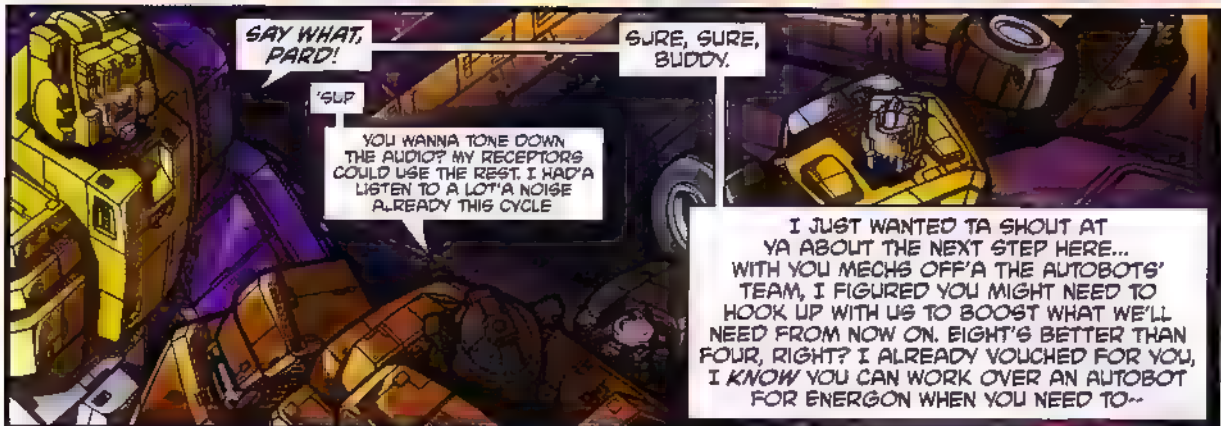
UGH, DON'T GET ME
STARTED ON THAT
MECH. THE SLAG HE
PULLS ON YOU JUST
ISN'T COOL.

BUT I GUESS WE
OUGHTA THANK 'IM FOR
HELPING HOLD THOSE
FREAKS OFF.

YEAH.
UHM...

LISTEN, I'VE BEEN MEANIN'
TO ASK YOU. WHAT HAPPENED TO CRUNCH? I
GOT FREAKED. IT LOOKED LIKE I MESSED
HIM UP PRETTY BAD BACK THERE. IS
EVERYTHING STRAIGHT?

...
YOU MEAN,
YOU DIDN'T
HEAR?



SAY WHAT,
PARD!

SURE, SURE,
BUDDY.

'SUP

YOU WANNA TONE DOWN
THE AUDIO? MY RECEPTORS
COULD USE THE REST. I HAD'A
LISTEN TO A LOT'A NOISE
ALREADY THIS CYCLE

I JUST WANTED TA SHOUT AT
YA ABOUT THE NEXT STEP HERE...
WITH YOU MECHS OFF'A THE AUTOBOTS'
TEAM, I FIGURED YOU MIGHT NEED TO
HOOK UP WITH US TO BOOST WHAT WE'LL
NEED FROM NOW ON. EIGHT'S BETTER THAN
FOUR, RIGHT? I ALREADY VOUCHED FOR YOU,
I KNOW YOU CAN WORK OVER AN AUTOBOT
FOR ENERGON WHEN YOU NEED TO--



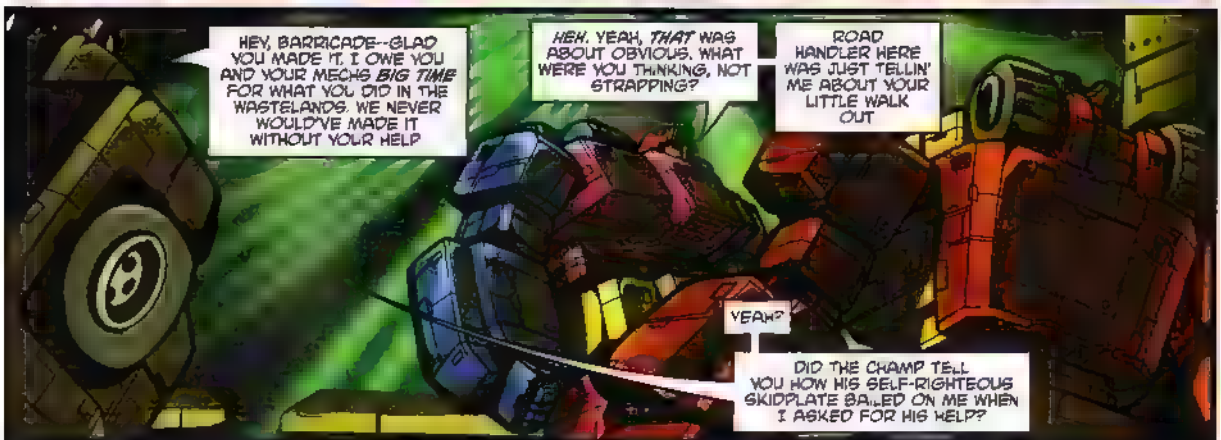
HEY, UH, TRIP-UP... I THINK
THAT'S ROLLER FORCE'S
SE--WHOA!

SHUT
IT

HEY,
BOLT-BAG! THAT'S
MY SPOT!

THAT
RIGHT?

NOW, WHAT'A
YOU GONNA DO
ABOUT THAT?



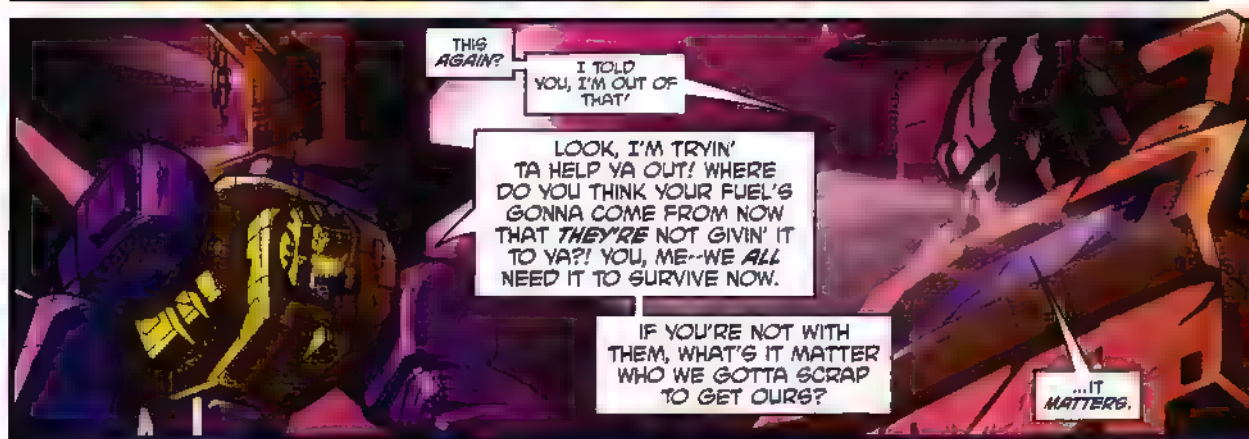
HEY, BARRICADE--GLAD
YOU MADE IT. I OWE YOU
AND YOUR MECHS BIG TIME
FOR WHAT YOU DID IN THE
WASTELANDS. WE NEVER
WOULD'VE MADE IT
WITHOUT YOUR HELP

HEH, YEAH, THAT WAS
ABOUT OBVIOUS. WHAT
WERE YOU THINKING, NOT
STRAPPING?

ROAD
HANDLER HERE
WAS JUST TELLIN'
ME ABOUT YOUR
LITTLE WALK
OUT

YEAH?

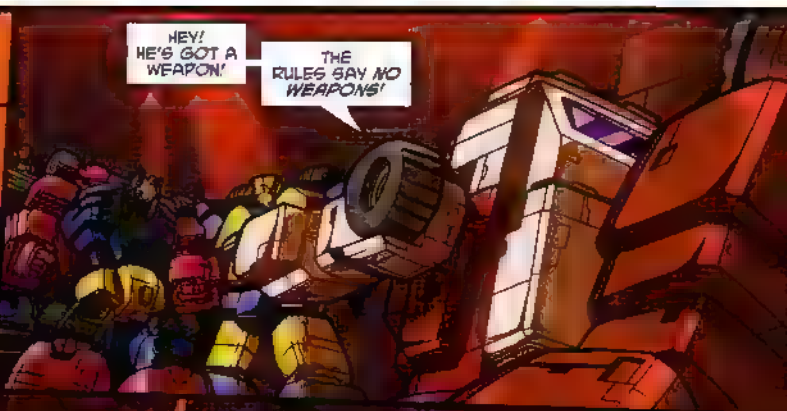
DID THE CHAMP TELL
YOU HOW HIS SELF-RIGHTEOUS
SKIDPLATE BAILED ON ME WHEN
I ASKED FOR HIS HELP?





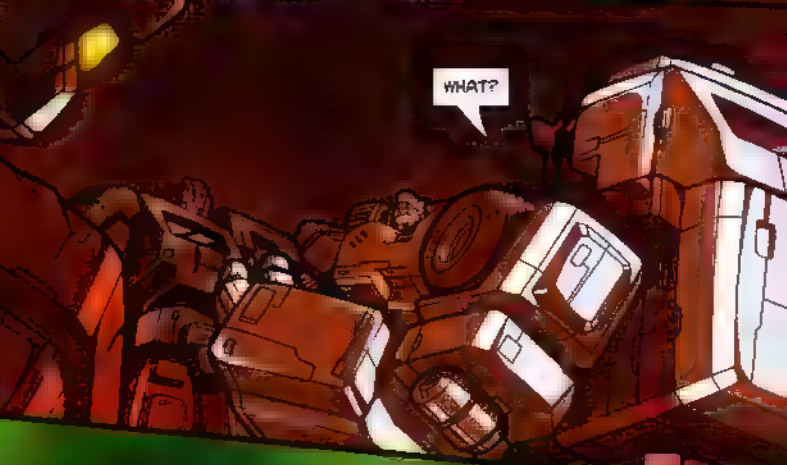
WRECK
HIS SLAG,
TRIP-JP!

IT
WON'T BE
NO THING



HEY!
HE'S GOT A
WEAPON!

THE
RULES SAY NO
WEAPONS!



WHAT?



WHAT, ARE
YOU A *TEACHER*
NOW? YOL GONNA
TEACH ME?

LOOKS
LIKE I'LL HAVE
TO

BLACKJACK, YOU
GOT A PROBLEM HOLDING
OFF OUR RACE 'TIL THIS
IS DONE?

HA, NOPE. I CAN
WAIT A FEW ASTROSECONDS
FOR YOU TO SCHOOL *THIS*
NIMROD. A LITTLE LAST HURRAH
BEFORE I BEAT YA,
YOU KNOW

RIGHT, WE'LL
TAKE THIS TO THE
STREET.

LET'S
GO



HOLY SCRAP... BIG
DADDY'S GONNA RACE
ROAD HANDLER!



FORGET YOUR
NOISE *THIS* I GOTTA
SEE

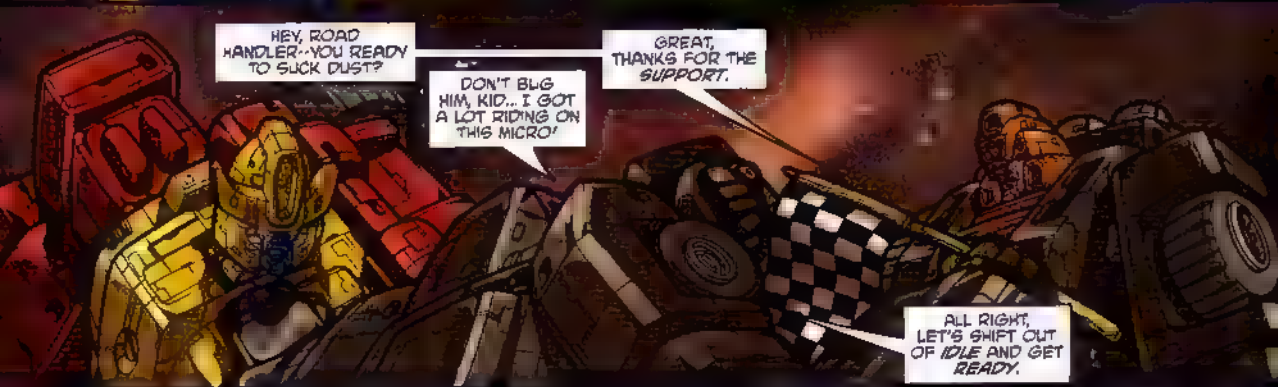


YOU KNOW
THE RULES,
MICROS?

SUDDEN DEATH, ONE
CITY LAP--FIRST ONE RIGHT
BACK IN THIS SPOT GETS THE
GLORY, SECOND ONE...WEL...
NOBODY GIVES A SCRAP
ABOUT A LOSER, RIGHT?

--AGAINST ROAD
HANDLER, MICRO! NO
ONE'S EVER DONE
THAT!

BIG
DADDY'S THE
'BOT!



HEY, ROAD
HANDLER--YOU READY
TO SUCK DUST?

DON'T BUG
HIM, KID... I GOT
A LOT RIDING ON
THIS MICRO!

GREAT,
THANKS FOR THE
SUPPORT.

ALL RIGHT,
LET'S SHIFT OUT
OF IDLE AND GET
READY.



ON YOUR
MARKS!

NO SMART
COMMENTS FROM
THE BIG 'BOT THIS
TIME, HUH?



WHAT'S A
MATTER?

PRE-RACE
JITTERS--?

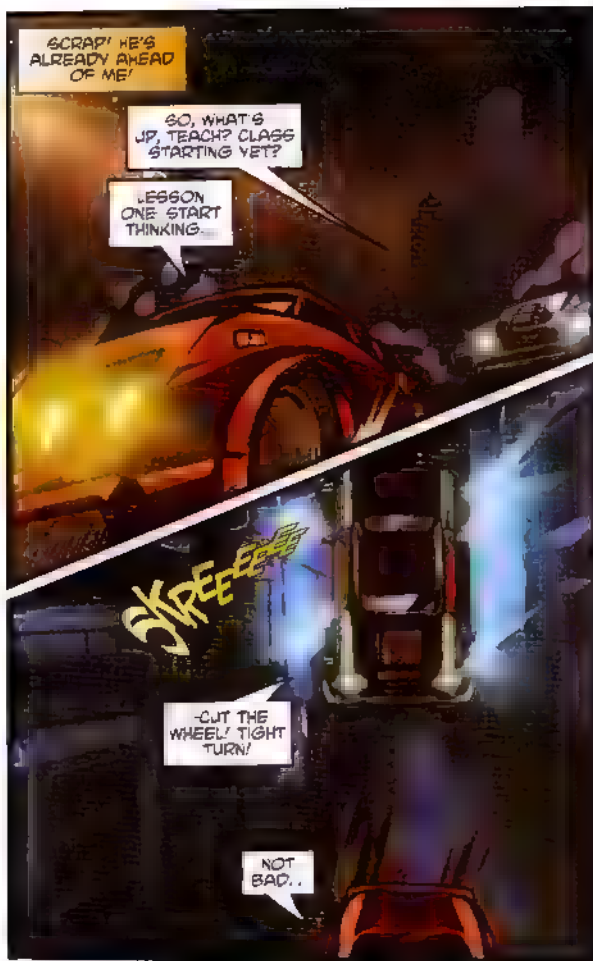
GET
SET!



GO!

SKREE

SKREE



SCRAP! HE'S
ALREADY AHEAD
OF ME!

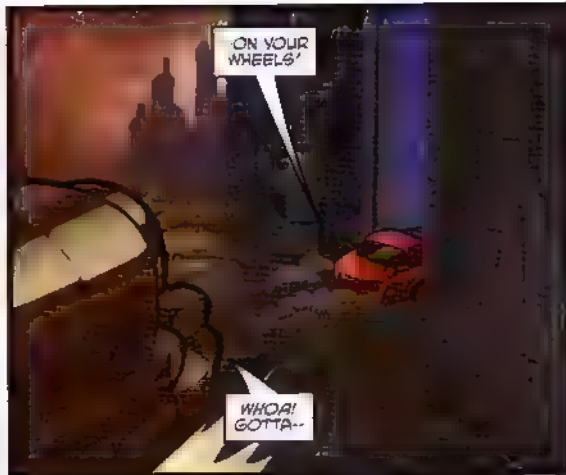
SO, WHAT'S
UP, TEACH? CLASS
STARTING YET?

LESSON
ONE START
THINKING...

SKREEEE

-CUT THE
WHEEL! TIGHT
TURN!

NOT
BAD..



ON YOUR
WHEELS!

WHOA!
GOTTA--



YEAH, NOT BAD
THAT I ALMOST BOUGHT IT!
GOTTA KEEP IT TOGETHER..
ALMOST THERE!

SKR



WHAT'S A MATTER,
RUSTY--YOU RUNNIN'
OUT OF JUICE
ALREADY?

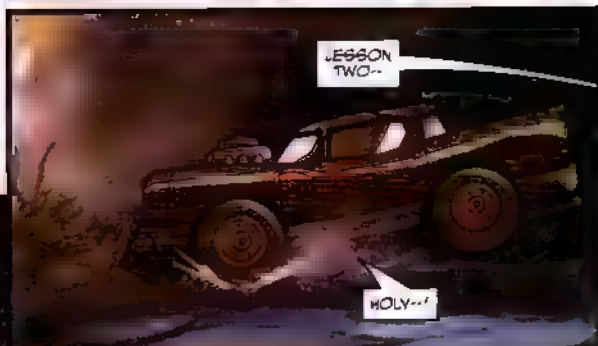
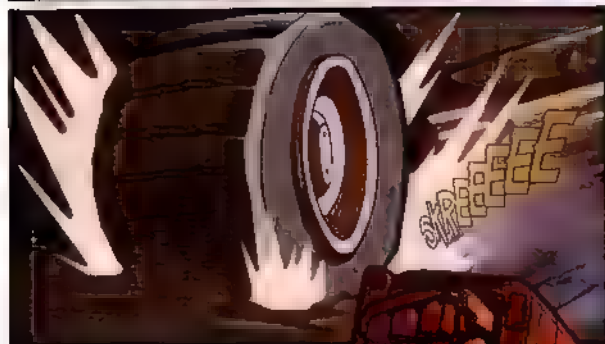
ARE YOU
STILL BEHIND
ME?

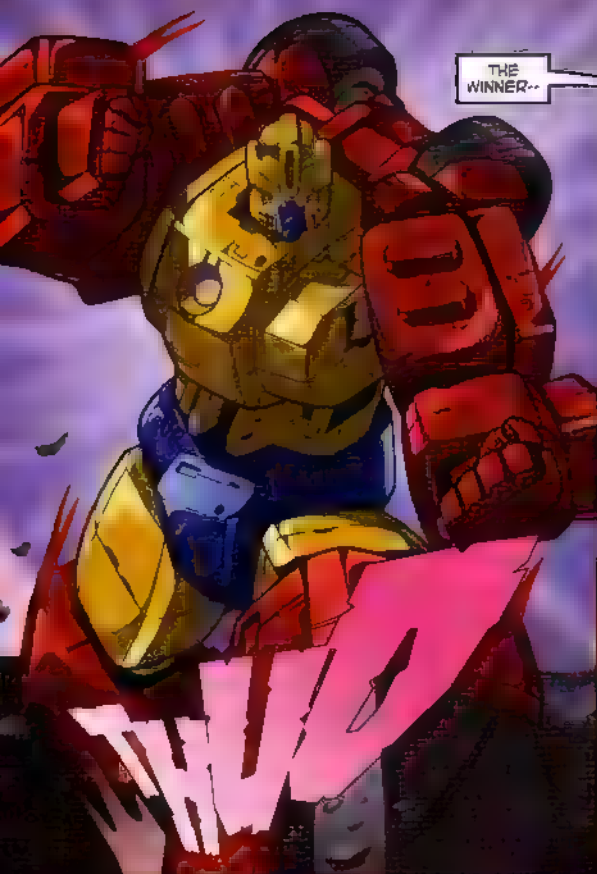


LOOKS LIKE
"THE 'BOT" IS IN
TROUBLE!

NAH, BIG
DADDY'S STILL
GOT--







THE
WINNER--



--AND STILL CHAMPION-
ROAD HANDLER!



THANKS--I WON
A MINT 'N ENERCON
BETTIN' ON YOU.

IT'S A REAL
SHAME I'LL BE THE
CHAMPION AFTER
OUR RACE..



GET IT
YET?

HPFF

TRYING TO
RUB IT IN,
NOW?

YOU WON, ALL
RIGHT--THAT'S NOT
ENOUGH FOR YOU?



NO

JUST TRYING TO GET
YOU TO THINK ABOUT THINGS
FOR YOURSELF, BEYOND WHAT'S
GOIN' ON THIS ASTROSECOND.
YOU MADE A STAND BACK AT
BASE, BUT RUINED IT BY TRYING
TO USE ME TO PROVE YOUR
POINT. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT
YOU SHOULD BE TRYING TO
STOP, NOT DO.

SO I SHOULD ACCEPT
YOUR ADVICE AS THE
END-ALL, BE-ALL?

I'LL MAKE UP MY
OWN MIND ABOUT WHAT
TO DO AND WHEN. I'LL MAKE
MISTAKES, BUT AT LEAST
THEY'LL BE MINE



EXACTLY



YO
MICRO...



EVERYTHING
COOL?

YEAH

YOU
TOTALLY HAD
HIM, B G?



YEAH, IF
HE DIDN'T PUNK
OUT AT THE LAST
ASTROSECOND

HEY,
WHAT'S UP,
HUBS...?

NOTHIN'
NOTHIN' AT
ALL

IT'S
JUST...



LOOK
AT 'EM!

THEY'RE LAUGHING
AT YOU, THEY'RE LAUGHING
AT ME...THEY'RE LAUGHING
AT ALL OF US!

YOU THINK
THEY'LL RESPECT
US NOW?



SLOW DOWN,
PARTNER

I THINK YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO NEEDS
TO START SHOWIN'
SOME RESPECT

WE JUST WENT
TIRE-TO-TIRE AGAINST
THE BADDEST MICRO AT
THE BURNS, AND HELD
HIS OWN.

TALK SLAG
WHEN YOU CAN
DO THAT

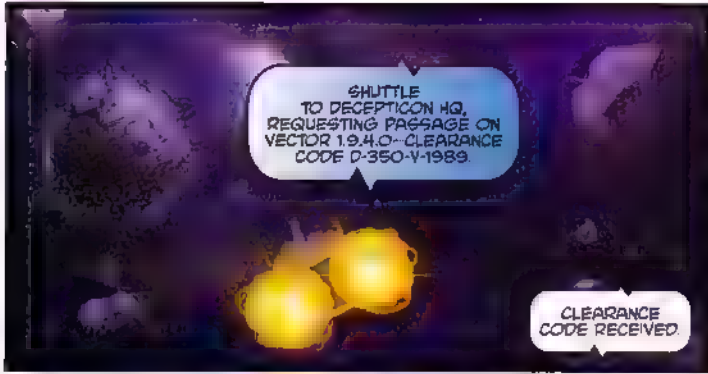


COME ON, GUYS...
WE DON'T HAVE THE ENERGON
TO WASTE ON SHREDDING EACH
OTHER. NOBODY'S GOT OUR
BACKS BUT US NOW.

I MEAN,
LET'S BE
REAL--

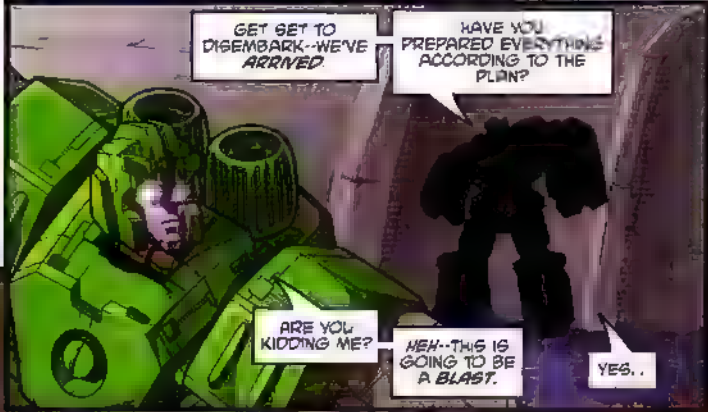


--WHO'S
PAYIN' ATTENTION
TO US?



SHUTTLE
TO DECEPTICON HQ,
REQUESTING PASSAGE ON
VECTOR 1.9.4.0 - CLEARANCE
CODE D-350-V-1989.

CLEARANCE
CODE RECEIVED.



GET SET TO
DISEMBARK--WE'VE
ARRIVED.

HAVE YOU
PREPARED EVERYTHING
ACCORDING TO THE
PLAN?

ARE YOU
KIDDING ME?


HEH--THIS IS
GOING TO BE
A BLAST.

YES..



HELLO AGAIN,
CYBERTRON...

FOR A WHILE IT
SEEMED LIKE I MIGHT
NEVER RETURN, DID
IT NOT?



CONQUEST
ALWAYS IS.

MICROMASTERS

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Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, 'bots and 'cons. We've got lots of questions from fans trying to get to know Dreamwave's newest TF storyline. They may be small, but man, are they big on excitement. But enough hype – let's get to the questions...

Hey DW,
just trying to figure things out here. I don't recall, in the old day of cartoon/toy/Marvel era, where the Micromaster timeline fits in? Did the Micromaster timeline happen after G1, G2, Beast Wars/Machines – or was it an alternate dimension? Thanks a lot!

Reminator

As you probably know by now, the Micromasters were actually a newer breed of Transformers created specifically to help the Autobots and Decepticons conserve Energon by using smaller and more efficient robots. The Micromasters were created some time before the disastrous event known as the 'Great Shutdown', which occurred 3.9 million years ago. Furthermore, the Micromasters were created after Optimus Prime and the Autobots left for their fateful "3-hour-tour" (and Megs, the 'cons and the Nemesis) that ended up being a 4-million-year journey to Earth. Just like *Beast Wars* and *War Within*, *Micromasters* fits in completely to the main storyline we've established for the Generation One series. The great thing about *Micromasters*, of course, is that although it fits into the traditional TF continuity, there is a lot of play for storylines as it is a practically untouched era of the 'bots. Like *War Within*, we have a lot of years to fill in, which is pretty exciting.

Hi Dreamwave,
I just have a quick question. Hasn't anyone noticed the fact that there are more Micromasters than normal-sized characters? I know it's like this because there were more toys made of them, but I just thought it was sort of strange if it was the same in the comic, as well. Just wondering about that, and keep up the good work.

Maverick

Thanks for the kind words. As far as numbers: there sure are a lot of Micromasters. But are there more Micromasters than "the other" G1 characters? Not really, no. If you remember the toyline, the TFs began in 1984, with a whole whack of characters each year until the Micromasters were released in 1989 and 1990 (along with a bunch of Pretenders and Actionmasters). To put things into perspective as to just how many G1 characters there are – for G1 Volume 2, we had almost 100 characters appear in the series! By the way (beware of shameless plug in 3...2...1!) take a look at the *Transformers: More Than Meets The Eye* trade paperbacks this October and November to see all your favorite 'bots in G1: the originals, Headmasters, Targetmasters, Micromasters, Actionmasters....



TRANSFORMERS MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE
TRADE PAPERBACKS

Hey Dreamwavers,
I thought Micromasters were just as powerful as a normal TFs but just had their size shrunk? True or false?

Autobot 100

Micromasters are really, really small, compared to a "normal-size" Transformer. Think about it like this: a Micromaster standing beside a typical Transformer like Optimus would probably be as high as his kneecap. Even little Bumblebee towers over the Micromasters. As far as their power, it's also greatly reduced. This is in part due to a more efficient use of Energon – imagine filling up your Honda Civic at the gas station for 20 bucks, as opposed to your Hummer Humvee for 95 bones. But it also means that Micromasters have considerably less firepower, strength, and speed. It's not the same as someone like Soundwave or Megatron, who use either parts compression or mass conversion to change their size in alternate modes – those two are not any more fuel efficient when smaller. The Micromasters are always small. But hey, size doesn't always matter. They may be smaller, but with micro-size, they have the power to surprise! Just watch out for Insecticons, guys!

Hope this clears up some of the many questions we have received about *Micromasters*! It's pretty cool to have an old, but new set of players to talk about in the world of TFs!

See you in thirty, Transfans!

MATT HANSEN

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NEXT MONTH

A MICROMASTER makes a deal with the devil as an unholy alliance is formed with SHOCKWAVE, the repercussions of which could spell disaster for the AUTOBOTS, DECEPTICONS, and everyone in-between! The stage is set for the final confrontation as COUNTDOWN tries to rally others to his cause...but with a new villain organizing his own assault, it might a battle that everyone loses!

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CLASSIC COSTUMES,
CLASSIC ROBOTS,
ALL-NEW
ADVENTURE!**

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID CHEUNG

BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Brampton, ON

CURRENT PROJECTS:
Colorist: Transformers Micromasters

PAST PROJECTS:
TF: MTMTE, TF Armada/Energon,
TF: Summer Special R.I.D.

FAVORITE SAYINGS:
"LEAFS SUCK!"
"GO SENS GO!"

FAVORITE COLOR PENCIL CRAYON:
Lapis Lazuli

I wish I were glad to be back in Hogwarts too.

Sometimes I ponder how great it would be to revisit the carefree world of youth. How wonderful it would be to have no worries; where the grandest of plans stretch only to tomorrow. If only I could re-live the days when my friends and family came and took pleasure in beating up on an unusually large toy collection of a spoiled kid. I wouldn't fight so hard over who got to use the Megatron gun this time around, (knowing how valuable it would be today) avoiding its eventual grisly fate under careless hands.

I've heard that time travel can be a tricky thing though. If I were to meddle with just one moment, perhaps it would create a chain reaction to a different me. Maybe on that fateful day during high school I would not have decided to "screw Math!" and chase the dream of an artist (unbeknownst to my parents at the time, who like many Asian parents can picture their babies as doctors or lawyers at birth). Perhaps I would never have been lucky enough to meet Pat Lee and Roger Lee, who like my high school art teacher, were gifted enough to see potential where it wasn't readily apparent on the surface.

So here I am working through the wee hours of the morning, dreaming of having a couple of hours rest so that I can travel back in time. I'm thankful there is enough magic in the real world to inspire dreamers to create worlds of fantasy.

And I thank them for the memories.

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